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All persons are by nature free and independent, and have certain natural and unalienable rights, among which are those of enjoying and defending life and liberty, of acquiring, possessing, and protecting property, and of pursuing and obtaining safety and happiness.

-- Article 1, Section 1, New Jersey State Constitution

America the Unfree

By Paul Craig Roberts

The Heritage Foundation and *Wall Street Journal's* tenth annual Index of Economic Freedom pulls the wool over our eyes. The deception is unintentional and arises from a fatal flaw in the index.

The index delivers the comforting conclusion that the US is the 10th most free country, far ahead of 155th ranked North Korea. **However, the index ignores the simple truth that people who do not own the product of their labor are not free. People subject to an income tax do not own the product of their labor.**

Our Founding Fathers understood this. Indeed, historically the very definition of freedom has been self-ownership. Serfs and slaves are not free, because they do not own their labor.

Any American who thinks he owns his labor can test the proposition by refusing to pay his income tax. He will quickly discover that he is not a free person.

The Heritage index is ahistorical. It is blind to the enormous loss of freedom in the 20th century, especially in the US and the UK. It takes as its starting point the re-enservment of populations and predicates a "freedom" index on unfree labor.

This extraordinary failing reduces a valuable study to a propaganda device.

Compare an American taxpayer's situation today with that of a 19th century American slave. Not all slaves worked on cotton plantations. Some with marketable skills were leased to businesses or released to labor markets, where they worked for money wages. Just like the wages of

today's taxpayer, a portion of the slave's money wages was withheld. In those days the private owner, not the government, received the withheld portion of the slave's wages.

Slaves in that situation were as free as today's American taxpayer to choose their housing from the available stock, purchase their food and clothing, and entertain themselves.

In fact, they were freer than today's American taxpayer. By hard work and thrift, they could save enough to purchase their freedom.

No American today can purchase his freedom from the IRS.

Slaves could also run away. Today, Americans who run away are pursued to the far ends of the earth. Indeed, the IRS can assert its ownership rights for years after an American gives up his citizenship and becomes a citizen of a different country. The IRS need only claim that the former American gave up his citizenship for tax reasons.

I challenge Heritage and the *Wall Street Journal* to initiate a broader index of freedom, one that not only includes self-ownership, but also the Bill of Rights that defines our civil liberties and the 14th Amendment that insists on equality before the law.

Such an index would reveal that the US is a stunningly unfree country. The lowest federal tax rate in combination with the Social Security and Medicare tax confers serf status upon lower income groups. The top tax rate, federal and state, converts successful Americans into government's slaves.

The protective principles in law that ensure our civil liberties – no crime without intent, no bills of attainder, no retroactive law, the attorney-client privilege, no self-

incrimination – have been eroded beyond recognition. Wars against the Mafia, drug dealers, child abusers, and terrorists – accused whose convictions are thought necessary at all costs – have eviscerated the Bill of Rights. Today not even multi-billionaires can fight off prosecutorial frame-ups.

Americans believe they are free until they encounter the "justice" system, at which time they learn that they are as helpless as medieval serfs.

The "civil rights revolution" destroyed equality before the law. Today rights are race- and gender-based. We have resurrected the status-based rights of feudalism. The new privileges belong to "preferred minorities" rather than noble families.

Neoconservative delusion that America has a monopoly on virtue and the right to impose American values on the world prevents a realistic look at the deplorable state of freedom in America today. It is a paradox that a country that has abandoned freedom and re-enservd its population sees itself as role model for the world. – LouRockwell.com, Jan. 28, 2004

-- Paul Craig Roberts is co-author of *The Tyranny of Good Intentions*

Taxes

Accounts Receivable Tax
Building Permit Tax
Capital Gains Tax
Cigarette Tax
Corporate Income Tax
Dog License Tax
Federal Income Tax
Federal Unemployment Tax
Fishing License Tax
Food License Tax
Gasoline Tax (42 cents per gallon)
Hunting License Tax
Inheritance
Inventory tax

IRS Interest Charges (tax on top of tax)
 IRS Penalties (tax on top of tax)
 Liquor Tax
 Local Income Tax
 Luxury Taxes
 Medicare Tax
 Property Tax
 Real Estate Tax
 Septic Permit Tax
 Social Security Tax
 Road Usage Taxes (Truckers)
 Sales Taxes
 Recreational Vehicle Tax
 Road Toll Booth Taxes
 School Tax
 Self-employment Tax
 State Income Tax
 State Unemployment Tax (SUTA)
 Telephone federal excise tax
 Telephone federal universal service fee tax
 Telephone federal, state and local surcharge taxes
 Telephone minimum usage surcharge tax
 Telephone recurring and non-recurring charges tax
 Telephone state and local tax
 Telephone usage charge tax
 Toll Bridge Taxes
 Toll Tunnel Taxes
 Traffic Fines (indirect taxation)
 Trailer registration tax
 Utility Taxes
 Vehicle License Registration Tax
 Vehicle Sales Tax
 Watercraft registration Tax
 Well Permit Tax
 Workers Compensation Tax

COMMENTS: Not one of these taxes existed 100 years ago and our nation was the most prosperous in the world, had absolutely no national debt, had the largest middle class in the world and Mom stayed home to raise the kids.

"Sir, I don't work for the IRS."

By Robert R. Raymond

On August 8, 2003 in Federal Court in Memphis, Tennessee, Vernice B. Kuglin was found not guilty of six counts of tax evasion and willful failure to file tax returns.

Ms. Kuglin's Attorneys Larry Becraft and Robert G. Berhoft told reporters that Ms Kuglin had refused to plea bargain for a lesser sentence.

Ms Kuglin testified that since 1995 she had sent numerous letters to the IRS requesting that they inform her of what law required her to pay the Individual Income Tax. To this day she has not received an answer to that very important question. The jury returned not guilty verdicts on all counts.

After the jury had been excused the U.S. Attorney demanded that the judge order the defendant to file her forms, pay her taxes and obey the law. The judge replied "Sir, I don't work for the IRS."

Appeals Court Overturns Machine Gun Conviction

SAN FRANCISCO - A federal appeals court has overturned a Mesa, Arizona man's federal conviction of possessing five machine guns.

A three-judge panel of the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals of San Francisco reversed the conviction, ruling that the congressional ban does not apply to homemade machine guns and their parts because they were never in the stream of commerce.

The court ruled that there was neither a transfer nor sale of the weapons or their parts, so Congress did not have the power under the Commerce Clause to regulate homemade guns crafted from scratch.

Robert Stewart was sentenced to five years imprisonment for being a felon in possession of firearms and of possessing illegal machine guns last year.

His attorney, Thomas Haney of Phoenix, said the decision doesn't mean much for his client or for the gun movement. Few people have the skills to build a weapon from scratch, as Stewart did, Haney said.

Haney said most states, including Arizona, also have state bans against rapidly firing machine guns that would withstand judicial scrutiny regardless of whether the weapon was homemade. "It might not be viable for anyone to think they can start making their own," Haney said.

Stewart, meanwhile, faces about a 20-year sentence after being convicted this summer of soliciting a fellow prisoner at the Federal Correctional Institution in Phoenix to kill U.S. District Judge Roslyn Silver, who last year sentenced him to five years on the weapons violations.

-- *Sierra Times*, Nov. 16, 2003

Americans Presumed to Be Gangsters

From the Congressional Record -- House, Vol. 78, page 11400, June 13, 1934

Mr. CONNERY: As I understand, the primary purpose of the bill is to stop gangster from getting hold of machine guns.

Mr. DOUGHTON: That is correct.

And so on June 26, 1934 Congress enacted Public Law 73-474, the National Firearms Act, which placed a \$200 tax on machine guns, so "gangsters" wouldn't get hold of a machine gun.

Thus the National Firearm Act of 1934 requires a non-criminal "gangster" American to pay a \$200 use tax for a machine gun, as a means of stopping "gangster from getting hold of machine guns".

Based upon the actions of criminals, lawful Americans are not only presumed to be gangsters but are made to pay extra!

"The Illegal-Alien Crime Wave"

"Some of the most violent criminals at large today are illegal aliens," writes Heather MacDonald, a reporter for the Manhattan Institute's *City Journal*. "Yet in cities where the crime these aliens commit is highest, the police cannot use the most obvious tool to apprehend them: their immigration status."

MacDonald's in-depth exposé in the January 14 *City Journal*, entitled "The Illegal-Alien Crime Wave," notes: "In Los Angeles, for example, dozens of members of a ruthless Salvadoran prison gang have sneaked back into town after having been deported for such crimes as murder, assault with a deadly weapon, and drug trafficking. Police officers know who they are and know that their mere presence in the country is a felony. Yet should a cop arrest an illegal gangbanger for felonious reentry, it is he who will be treated as a criminal, for violating the LAPD's rule against enforcing immigration law."

How can this be? MacDonald explains: "The LAPD's ban on immigration enforcement mirrors bans in immigrant-saturated cities around the country, from New York and Chicago to San Diego, Austin, and Houston. These 'sanctuary policies' generally prohibit city employees, including the cops, from reporting immigration violations to federal authorities." However, federal authorities still do arrest and deport thousands of these felons every year, something they will not be able to do, except with great difficulty, once these criminal aliens receive legal status under President Bush's proposed plan. Once they receive citizenship, they definitely cannot be deported.

MacDonald turned up some additional eye-openers for the misty-eyed open border advocates. She reports:

• In Los Angeles, 95 percent of all outstanding warrants for homicide (which total 1,200 to 1,500) target illegal aliens. Up to two-thirds of all fugitive felony warrants (17,000) are for illegal aliens.

• A confidential California Department of Justice study reported in 1995 that 60 percent of the 20,000-strong 18th Street Gang in southern California are illegal aliens.

• The leadership of the Columbia Lil' Cynos gang, which uses murder and racketeering to control the drug market around L.A.'s MacArthur Park, was about 60 percent illegal in 2002, according to authorities.

-- *New American*, Feb. 9, 2004

Part of PATRIOT Act Ruled Unconstitutional

LOS ANGELES - A federal judge has declared unconstitutional a portion of the USA Patriot Act that bars giving expert advice or assistance to groups designated foreign terrorist organizations.

The ruling marks the first court decision to declare a part of the post-Sept. 11 anti-terrorism statute unconstitutional, said David Cole, a Georgetown University law professor who argued the case on behalf of the Humanitarian Law Project.

U.S. District Judge Audrey Collins said the ban on providing "expert advice or assistance" is impermissibly vague, in violation of the First and Fifth Amendments.

The case before the court involved five groups and two U.S. citizens seeking to provide support for lawful, nonviolent activities on behalf of Kurdish refugees in Turkey.

The Humanitarian Law Project, which brought the lawsuit, said the plaintiffs were threatened with 15 years in prison if they advised groups on seeking a peaceful resolution of the Kurds' campaign for self-determination in Turkey.

The judge's ruling said the law does not differentiate between impermissible advice on violence and encouraging the use of peaceful, nonviolent means to achieve goals.

"The USA Patriot Act places no limitation on the type of expert advice and assistance which is prohibited and instead bans the provision of all expert advice and assistance regardless of its nature," the judge said.

Cole declared the ruling "a victory for everyone who believes the war on terrorism ought to be fought

consistent with constitutional principles."

-- AP, Jan. 26, 2004

Bush to Veto Pared PATRIOT Act

WASHINGTON - The Bush administration has threatened to veto legislation that would scale back key provisions of the Patriot Act.

Attorney General John Ashcroft said the changes proposed in the Security and Freedom Ensured Act, known as SAFE (S.1709), would "undermine our ongoing campaign to detect and prevent catastrophic attacks."

The veto threat came after Bush, in his State of the Union address, urged Congress to reauthorize the Patriot Act before it expires in 2005. A few months earlier, Ashcroft embarked on a 32-city speaking tour in a bid to answer critics who contend the law threatens civil liberties and privacy rights.

The Patriot Act expanded the government's wiretap and other surveillance authority, removed barriers between FBI and CIA information-sharing, and provided more tools for terror finance investigations.

Anthony Romero, executive director of the American Civil Liberties Union and a staunch critic of the new law, said the veto threat shows that the Bush administration is on the defensive. The ACLU has filed a lawsuit in federal court challenging a key portion of the law, and 241 state and local governments also have gone on record opposing it.

Earlier in Los Angeles, a federal judge ruled that provisions barring "expert advice or assistance" to groups designated foreign terrorist organizations was too vague, threatening First and Fifth Amendment rights.

The SAFE Act, which has not yet had a hearing in either the House or Senate, was introduced last fall by Sens. Larry Craig, R-Idaho; Dick Durbin, D-Ill.; and other lawmakers who say the Patriot Act has gone too far.

The bill would modify so-called "sneak and peek" search warrants that allow for indefinitely delayed notification when a person's property is searched, mandating such notice within a week's time.

In addition, warrants for roving wiretaps used to monitor a suspect's multiple cell phones would have to make sure the target was positively identified and was present at the site being

monitored before information could be collected.

The legislation also would reinstate standards in place prior to passage of the Patriot Act regarding library and other business records by forcing the FBI to show it had reason to believe the person involved was a suspected terrorist or spy. The measure would impose expiration dates on nationwide search warrants and other Patriot Act terms, providing for congressional review.

-- AP, Jan. 29, 2004

What TR Said

To announce that there must be no criticism of the President, or that we are to stand by the President, right or wrong, is not only unpatriotic and servile, but is morally treasonable to the American public. Nothing but the truth should be spoken about him or anyone else. But it is even more important to tell the truth, pleasant or unpleasant, about him than about any one else. -- Theodore Roosevelt

What Chief Justice Warren Said

All political ideas cannot and should not be channeled into the programs of our two major parties. History has simply proved the virtue of political activity by minority, dissident groups who innumerable times have been in the vanguard of democratic thought and whose programs were ultimately accepted. Mere unorthodoxy or dissent from the prevailing mores is not to be condemned. The absence of such voices would be a symptom of grave illness in our society.

-- *Sweezy v. New Hampshire*, 354 US 250-1 (1956)

Report Details Dozens of FBI Firings

WASHINGTON (AP) - An internal FBI report kept under wraps for three years details dozens of cases of agents fired for misconduct and crimes, including drug trafficking, attempted murder, theft, misuse of informants and consorting with prostitutes.

The report, released by Sen. Charles Grassley found that about one in 1,000 agents was dismissed for serious misconduct or criminal offenses by the FBI during the period examined, from 1986 to 1999. The average was between eight and nine per year.

The FBI's attempts to prevent the report's disclosure from the public

In the beginning of change the patriot is a scarce man, brave, hated and scorned. When his cause succeeds, however, the timid join him, for then it costs nothing to be a patriot. - Mark Twain

and Congress since June 2000 is raising questions among FBI critics about an attempt to avoid embarrassment.

Grassley, a member of the Senate Judiciary Committee, said in a letter to FBI Director Robert Mueller that he was concerned about "a lack of response to the findings and recommendations, a general lack of support for the project and even efforts to prevent its completion."

Grassley said the report "almost never saw the light of day."

The report was prepared by the FBI's Behavioral Sciences and Law Enforcement Ethics unit in an effort to identify trends among agents dismissed for serious offenses and determine if there were warning signs prior to the misconduct that led to their firings.

The report lists more than 70 dismissals, including:

- *An agent who used his FBI weapon to shoot his wife, resulting in attempted murder charges.

- *An agent who was calling sex hot lines on FBI phones while on duty.

- *Several agents who had improper sexual relationships with confidential informants or prostitutes, sometimes in FBI vehicles. One agent pleaded guilty to manslaughter for killing a female informant with whom he had "an inappropriate emotional and sexual relationship."

- *Agents who disclosed sensitive or classified material to outsiders, including representatives of foreign governments and criminal enterprises.

- *Firings stemming from drug, alcohol or gambling problems. One agent stole more than \$400,000 in informant funds to feed his gambling and drinking problems; another used crack cocaine regularly and was arrested for possession of crack pipes.

- *An agent who attempted to sell cocaine to someone who turned out to be an undercover FBI agent.

The report concluded that some of these agents were hired even though a background check had revealed negative information about them. Before their firings, some agents exhibited "markers" for potential misconduct, such as a history of emotional or psychological problems or evidence of substance abuse.

Release of the report comes amid a separate review of the way the FBI investigates employee wrongdoing and imposes discipline. That review, by former Attorney General Griffin Bell and ex-FBI executive Lee Colwell, has been completed in draft form but is not yet

ready for public release, FBI officials said.

Mueller said in announcing that review that he wanted to stop "an erosion of trust" by the public in the FBI's Office of Professional Responsibility, which has been accused of having dual disciplinary systems for supervisors and field agents and of minimizing allegations of retaliation against whistleblowers.

Ed.: it's telling that the "ethicists" in the FBI Behavioral Sciences and Law Enforcement Ethics unit don't consider FBI killings at Waco and Ruby Ridge as either "misconduct or crimes."

The Newspeak Dictionary

The author of the novel *1984*, where the term Newspeak was first coined, is Eric Blair. George Orwell is his pen name.

Eric Blair joined the Fabian Socialist Society as a young man. When the Fabian Socialist Society was founded in 1884 the Fabians, as they were known, predicted that they could accomplish their objectives within 100 years. Thus, when Eric Blair defected from the Fabian Socialist Society he wrote *1984* as an expose of what the Fabians were trying to do. *1984* is an insider's expose of socialist reality. It is not a fantasy. In fact everything in *1984* is coming to pass

Remember the slogan: "War is peace"? It sounded ridiculous when I first read it. Now we have a United Nations "peace" army that is waging peace on almost a dozen nations.

Remember the slogan: "Freedom is Slavery"? Today we have "liberal" programs and a proposed "universal service" bill in Congress that will enslave everyone male and female under the age of 25 for two years building bigger and more powerful government in every way.

Remember the slogan: "Ignorance is Strength"? Today it is called "plausible deniability". How many times have we heard officials say, "I have no recollection of that"?

What about "thought criminals"? Today they are labeled "cult members", "supremacists", "anti-government", and numerous other terms that stigmatize unauthorized thoughts. ("Politically correct" means that you are not a "thought criminal".) A "hate crime" is an ordinary crime which is given FEDERAL jurisdiction, and results in more severe punishment because of the alleged THOUGHTS of the defendant.

"Cult member" is a modern word for what George Orwell called a "thought criminal".

Oops! I guess I just started writing the first edition of the Newspeak dictionary.

Senate Majority Leader Favors Gun Control

By Chuck Baldwin

Gun Owners of America gives Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist a "D" for his Senate record on gun control issues.

According to GOA, Frist helped kill the filibuster on the Shays-Meehan "Incumbent Protection" bill, a sham "campaign finance reform" measure "which squelches the voice of pro-gun organizations."

Frist, a Republican, also voted against the Smith filibuster and in favor of sending the Gore-Lautenberg anti-gun crime bill to a House-Senate conference committee. GOA also says Frist is one of "the Republicans who betrayed gun owners and voted for the anti-gun crime bill."

Other anti-freedom measures supported by Frist include government wiretapping of innocent citizens and gun owners, the anti-gun terror bill, the Lautenberg Domestic Confiscation Gun Ban, and the Kohl Gun Free Zones Ban.

The Earth Charter and a New "Global Ethic"

By William Norman Grigg

A global stealth campaign is underway to bring about a world revolution, a revolution of mind and heart that will "transform" humanity. They have devised a new "Global Ethic" to replace the Gospel of Jesus Christ, and "Sixteen Principles" to replace the Ten Commandments. They call it the Earth Charter. The "they" is a group of world notables including former Soviet dictator Mikhail Gorbachev, Marxist friar Leonardo Boff, radical theologian Hans Küng, media mogul Ted Turner, philanthropist and spiritual guru Steven Rockefeller, former Dutch prime minister Ruud Lubbers, actor Danny Glover and actress Meryl Streep, to name a few.

Although children are forbidden to pray in the government schools, they are being encouraged, under the new "global spirituality," to adopt pagan religions and to worship the Earth itself. The UN-appointed high priest of the Earth cult, Mr. Gorbachev, has declared his creed: "Cosmos is my God; Nature is my God." Will your children follow him, praising the Earth goddess Gaia, or some jungle deity or sacred dung beetle? You will not have much say in

the matter, thanks to President Bush and a compliant Congress, who have provided the Earth Charter evangelists funding for their sinister crusade.

In 2002 President Bush decided to rejoin UNESCO (United Nations Education, Scientific and Cultural Organization), the principal organ promoting the Earth Charter. Congress soon gave tens of millions of taxpayer dollars to fund UNESCO's subversive programs. But the Earth Charter is just one of UNESCO's schemes. UNESCO also intends to become the global school board that will set global academic standards, curricula and school accreditation standards. It plans to monitor national educational compliance with UN mandates.

"As a symbol of our commitment to human dignity, the United States will return to UNESCO," said President Bush, in his address to the UN on September 12, 2002. "This organization has been reformed and America will participate fully in its mission to advance human rights and tolerance and learning." But anyone who surveys UNESCO's programs will find absolutely chilling the suggestion that we "participate fully in its mission."

UNESCO will assist our children in "tolerance and learning" through its Earth Charter-based curriculum, an indoctrination program designed to produce ardent one-world, New Age socialists. The Earth Charter Commission that drew up this new "sacred" text was co-chaired by Mr. Gorbachev, a lifelong Communist, and Maurice Strong, the Canadian billionaire socialist who served as secretary-general of the 1992 Earth Summit. Joined by Steven Rockefeller and other UN-designated "wise persons," these UN-anointed luminaries produced a document perfectly suited to UNESCO's global collectivist agenda.

The Earth Charter declares, "we urgently need a shared vision of basic values to provide an ethical foundation for the emerging world community." This "vision" was formally unveiled at the UN World Summit on Biological Diversity (Earth Summit II) in Johannesburg, South Africa. Transported to the UN summit in the Ark of Hope -- a sacrilegious parody of the sacred Ark of the Covenant described in the Bible -- the Earth Charter was presented for all to venerate and adopt as *the* life-guiding new holy scripture. Though most Americans are unaware of the Earth Charter, they will soon feel its dangerous impact. The Charter is being adopted and accepted by schools, universities, cities, counties, churches, businesses, and professional groups as

a basic handbook providing moral direction for all human action, legislation and public policy.

The Earth Charter Initiative organization describes the Charter as "a soft law instrument that provides an ethical foundation for the ongoing development of environmental and sustainable development law." In globalese this means that adoption of the seemingly innocuous Earth Charter ("soft law") will lead, inexorably, to the adoption of "hard law," as exemplified by UN treaties, such as those concerning deforestation, global warming, biological diversity, habitat, children's rights, etc. These treaties involve significant transfers of jurisdiction and power from elected national governments to unelected, self-appointed international bureaucrats and institutions within the UN system.

The vast majority of your friends, neighbors, and pastors still have not seen or heard of the Earth Charter. Most of them also know very little about UNESCO. Both of these forces soon will be coming onto center stage. This is so because of two major developments: the U.S. return to UNESCO and the recent multi-billion dollar commitment of the World Bank to the global UNESCO-driven *Education For All* program. These developments are providing an enormous jumpstart in prestige and financial aid to UNESCO and the Earth Charter. Here are some other indicators:

- On February 13, 2003, U.S. Secretary of Education Rod Paige helped launch UNESCO's Literacy Decade.
- The School Sisters of Notre Dame, a teaching order of Catholic nuns, have launched an educational campaign focused on the Earth Charter in their schools throughout North America.
- All 35 members teaching "The University Colloquium: A Sustainable Future" at Florida Gulf Coast University use the Earth Charter. This class is a graduation requirement in all five colleges of the university.
- Earth Scouts, a national youth program, was launched last year "based on the Earth Charter: A Declaration of Interdependence," with badges for the Charter's 16 principles.
- The U.S. Conference of Mayors and many organizations and local governments have endorsed the Charter.
- The Ark of Hope and Earth Charter are being taken to U.S. cities and communities to aid the campaign for its adoption.

The Earth Charter stealth campaign is now coming into the open. UNESCO is preparing for massive expansion. These dual threats must be

confronted in their early stages; now is the time for parents, educators, pastors, and concerned citizens to become alarmed, informed, and active in stopping these threats, before their insidious influences become embedded in our schools, communities, and local governments.

-- *The New American*, May 19, 2003

Real Americans don't wear U.N. blue!

Islamic Slavery Torments Sudan

By Larry Pratt

Islamic apologists deny the existence of slavery in the Sudan; but the slaves say otherwise.

For ten years Francis Bok was the slave of Muslims who kidnapped him and killed his parents and many others in cold blood.

His account in *Escape from Slavery* is riveting and reveals the indomitable human spirit that seeks to be free.

Bok's recollection of his first seven years is idyllic. It was shattered when Arab raiders attacked his village. The thugs were armed with AK-47 rifles, the villagers with spears. Bok observes in passing that the latter is no match for the former.

Arguably the racist Muslims would not have attacked if they had expected to be on the receiving end of AK-47 fire. As it was, they slaughtered whom they wished and kidnapped the rest. The attack lasted for only a few minutes, but the horror of the aftermath was interminable.

What a pity that most U.S. foreign aid ends up in the pockets of corrupt politicians instead of as guns in the homes of erstwhile helpless populations. In the case of the Sudan, the Islamic government has declared a holy war - a jihad - against Christians and animists of the southern part of the country.

The first word Bok learned from his Arabic-speaking captors was "abeed." This was the word they repeated over and over as they beat the cowering seven-year old boy. He soon enough realized that it meant slave. And in Muslim eyes, slaves are akin to animals - to be kept alive only if useful.

After an aborted attempt to escape, Bok bided his time until he was able to get away from his tormentors. Were it not for the compassion of an Arab truck driver who did not believe in slavery, Bok might not have made good his escape.

In a refugee camp in Khartoum, the Sudanese capital, Bok learned that disarmed and therefore powerless fellow countrymen would betray one another in hopes of keeping the Arab rulers from oppressing them. Bok ended up in jail, beaten and dispirited. When he finally managed to gain his release, he fled to Egypt, and ultimately to the U.S.

Commenting on the religious roots of the persecution of the non-Muslim south, Bok observed: "While what the Taliban did to the people of Afghanistan may have seemed strange to you in the West, to us southern Sudanese, the terror and cruelty of such an extreme form of Islam is as familiar as our homes of wood, mud and straw, which our enemies enjoyed setting aflame, too often with woman and children inside."

And speaking to those who think that the U.N. is a vehicle for peace in the world, Bok has this to say: "Yet the United Nations - that same institution that gave me refugee status and the opportunity to go to the U.S. - has been alarmingly silent on the issue. The UN Secretary General Kofi Annan has never publicly condemned Sudan's role in the slave trade."

In view of the tenacity of the Sudanese People's Liberation Army in resisting the Islamic jihad, it hardly seems necessary for any other country to send troops to the Sudan, let alone rely on the pro-dictator UN. Several planeloads of AK-47s, grenade launchers and shoulder-launched anti-aircraft missiles would likely calm the ardor of Islamic thugs in their pursuit of jihad.

Of course, such shipments of arms would drive the UN gun-control bureaucrats nuts. But then, that would be an additional reason for arming the victims of jihad.

-- NewsWithViews.com, Feb. 12, 2004

How to Survive a Heart Attack Alone

Let's say you're driving home after an unusually hard day on the job. You're really tired, upset and frustrated.

Suddenly you start experiencing severe pain in your chest that starts to radiate out into your arm and up into your jaw.

Let's say you're about five miles from the nearest hospital but you don't know if you'll be able to make it that far.

WHAT CAN YOU DO?

Without help, the person whose heart stops beating properly and who begins to feel faint, has only about 10 seconds before losing consciousness.

However, these victims can help themselves by coughing repeatedly and very vigorously.

A deep breath should be taken before each cough, and the cough must be deep and prolonged, as when producing sputum from deep inside the chest, and a cough must be repeated about every 2 seconds without let up until help arrives, or until the heart is felt to be beating normally again. Deep breaths get oxygen into the lungs and coughing movements squeeze the heart and keep the blood circulating. The squeezing pressure on the heart also helps it regain normal rhythm. In this way, heart attack victims can get to a hospital.

-- *Health Cares*, Rochester General Hospital

Letters to the Editor

Hello,

Since Sen. John Kerry is lead dog for Democrats in presidential campaign check our U.S. Veteran Dispatch website: www.vietnamveteransagainstJohnKerry.org

Delaware & Raritan Greenway NGO (non government organization) is making moves to bring a U.N. Biosphere on the Sourlands mountains of NJ (Mercer county, Hunterdon county, into Somerset county). More trouble! O.O., Mercer County

Dear NJM,

I am still incarcerated, still in Texass, still broke -- ☺ Please continue my free sub to your excellent newsletter for the following year. It is appreciated not only by myself but up to 15 others

(mostly Vets) within these walls

Thanks again, and keep up the good work!

PP

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Dear NJM,

I do not want and would never ask for a free ride just because I am in prison. I do know the work and time that goes into a newsletter.

Here is another donation of 10 stamps until I can send more. Thank you.

Please tell about Rep Ron Paul's H.R. 3125 to stop the UN from taking away our 2nd Amendment, and list his weekly update number 1-888 322-1414.

[Updates are also available on line at www.gov.house/paul/weeklycolumn.]

Maybe remind readers to get a copy of "Agenda 21" from Earth Summit I, in Rio 1992. The U.N. calls for confiscation of ALL private property in U.S.A. - 50% of land will be wilderness, 30% buffer zone = 80% of USA targeted for total depopulation. So we have no time to wait for someone else to do the work, it's up to each of US.

All the Best to you ALL.

Yahweh bless.

ZZ, POW

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Dear Sir,

I hope this short letter finds you feeling well. I read your platform on the computer and in general agree with you. I wish to attend some of your meetings so that I can more fully undersand what is going on with the N.J. Militia lately. Please let me know when and where you meet and I'll make myself available to attend. I have some ideas that you may find helpful as well.

Just a little about myself. I'm a semi-retired [deleted for privacy] and former Marine (served RVN 67-68) and I'm angry about what I perceive as government interference in everything we do in our lives. I await your reply.

QQ, Monmouth County

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